

North East LHIN Board Highlights

Meeting of October 11, 2017

The North East LHIN Board welcomed two new members Anne Stewart and Petra Wall at its October meeting held in North Bay. Chair Ron Farrell explained that Board meetings will rotate across North East region communities with the next meeting being held November 8 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Each meeting features a patient story, as well as a presentation from a provider based in that area.

Rebecca Geauvreau (photo on right) spoke to the Board about her family's journey through the health care system following a terrible vehicle accident. Her profound words provided a compelling reason for all providers to work together to make the system easier to navigate, help make care more coordinated, and always keep patients as the centre.



“The system has many caring people who provide excellent care. But it also has gaps between transitions of care, and when you or your loved one is in a life-threatening situation, you need to know who is in charge to feel comfortable – where your care plan is and who is on first,” Rebecca said.

Rebecca is a member of the NE LHIN's just finalized Patient and Family Advisory Committee – a group of 16 Northerners who will meet for the first time in Sudbury on October 30.

The Board also heard from John Bowcott, Executive Director of People for Equal Partnership (PEP), a not for profit organization that offers peer support, self-help groups, social, educational and recreational activities to individuals with mental health and addiction in Nipissing. PEP is a strong community provider who has worked hard to create partnerships with other organizations in community to help clients. Twenty years ago, PEP opened their doors with 5 people employed. Today they have close to 50 and reach out to all aspects of the community of North Bay helping people get back to a more sure-footing in life.

Business Arising:

- VP of Clinical Dr. Paul Preston spoke about the success of the Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) advance training that drew some 40 physicians and nurse practitioners from across the region to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine on September 29th. Funding for the training was provided by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The North East LHIN is the first LHIN to host training for clinicians.

New Business

The Board received a “**Stocktake Report**” on the North East LHIN’s first quarter (2017/18) performance indicators. The Ministry LHIN Accountability Agreement (MLAA) establishes a mutual understanding and outlines performance indicators within a defined period. Highlights from the report include:

- Access to home and community care shows most patients are receiving care within targets and overall wait time, though not at target, has improved markedly.
- Emergency department (ED) length of stay performance is measuring up well to targets and performance improvements are linked to improved patient flow amid very high hospital occupancy.
- Joint replacement surgery is generally timely with improvement to target within capacity and attention to data quality.
- Patients who require an alternate level of care continue to occupy almost one in four hospital beds and improving patient flow with a focus on building up community capacity is key priority.
- Patients with chronic and complex addiction issues have decreased in their number of revisits to the EDs.
- Adoption of the patient availability date for nursing visits and personal support to complex patients will be implemented Q1 2017/18 and will result in the NE LHIN performance exceeding the 95% target.

As part of the Financial Report, Board members also received an overview of the Small and Rural Hospitals Transformation Funding, Funding Investments Adjustments, and the Community Discretionary Funding.

The Board meets next in Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, November 8.

Background:

- The public is welcome to listen in or attend the North East LHIN’s Board meetings. To obtain the teleconference number or find out the location of the next meeting (meetings are held in communities throughout the region) go to:
<http://www.nelhin.on.ca/boardandgovernance/meetings.aspx>
- The North East LHIN Board includes: Denis Bérubé (Moonbeam), Ron Farrell, Chair (Sundridge), John Febbraro (Sault Ste. Marie), Kim Morris (Sudbury), Toni Nanne-Little (Sault Ste. Marie), Mark Palumbo (Sudbury), Betty Stone (Temiskaming Shores), Anne Stewart (Pointe au Baril), and Petra Wall (Spring Bay on Manitoulin Island).

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